



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

**Date:** May 20, 2003  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Subject:** **Adoption of the 2003 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report required by City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018 for a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.**

### **Recommendation:**

- To adopt the 2003 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report, pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 14 of the City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

### **Previous Directives:**

April 22, 2003 - Set Public Hearing as required by the City's NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Permit.

May 6, 2003 - A Public Hearing was conducted at the Transportation and Public Works meeting.

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### **Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

- ☒ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- ☐ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### **Background/Supporting Information Attached:**

**History**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), as the delegated authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), issued the first National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Storm Sewer System Permit (Permit) to the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) as joint permittees on December 1, 2000. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System is a program that was created in 1990 by the USEPA to protect water quality by regulating the discharge of pollutants to lakes, streams, wetlands and other surface waters.

**Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action**

The Permit requires annual documentation in the form of a Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report (Annual Report) due by June 1 of each year. This Annual Report overviews stormwater management activities identified as Best Management Practices that will be implemented for the current and following year, and provides documentation and analysis of the activities conducted in the previous year.

The Permit requires an opportunity for public input into the development of the priorities and programs necessary for compliance, and adoption of the Annual Report as the City's Stormwater Management Plan by formal resolution. A summary of the public's input and the City's response to the comments along with the formal resolution are required to be included with the Annual Report submittal.

**Public Comments and Response**

A public hearing notice was posted in the April 24, 2003 edition of Finance and Commerce. A notice was sent to various environmental groups and government agencies. In addition, watershed organizations received actual copies of the Annual Report. No comments were received at the Public Hearing or submitted in writing to the City Clerk during the public comment period for this year's Annual Report. The cover letter included with the Annual Report submittal will provide this information to the MPCA to explain the absence of public comments and City response documentation.

C: Corey Conover, City Attorney  
Mike Schmidt, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board